



MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, May 8, 2006

The Board of Directors for the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District met in session beginning at 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 8, 2006 in the Rocklin City Council Chambers, 3970 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, California. Ken Grehm, Executive Director, Brian Keating, District Engineer, Andrew Darrow, Development Coordinator and Tony La Bouff, District Counsel, represented the District.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

By roll call, Directors present: Santini, Rompala, Hanley, Santucci, Yorde and Director Roccucci arrived at 4:00 pm.

Not Present: Directors Morillas, Weygandt

2. **AGENDA APPROVAL:** (Chairman Hanley)

Approved as submitted

3. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2006 AND MARCH 13, 2006 MINUTES**

Approved as submitted

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

5. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:** (Keating)

Brian stated that the District offices will be relocated within the new County Community Development Resources Center building in June 2006. The move is planned to happen sometime in the month of June. Phone number prefixes will change from 889 to 745. Fax numbers also will change. The Board will be updated on the official move date.

6. **ACTION ITEM:** (Grehm/Keating)

a. Review and approval of Final Fiscal Year 2006-2007 District Budget.

Ken Grehm stated that the budget for this year is a record-breaking \$5,228,900.00, approximately 5 times last year's budget, mostly due to Miners Ravine and additional work on Secret Ravine projects. Other increased expenses include salaries and benefits, new building long term maintenance costs, County administration support services, increased scope for stream channel maintenance, and the purchase, installation and maintenance of 7 new ALERT system gages.

Staff is proposing to use approximately \$86,000 in reserves this year for a variety of items including: biennial audit services, as well as aerial videography services, in addition to the installation and maintenance of the ALERT gages. Most of the revenues this year are for the Miners Ravine and Secret Ravine projects, and will be funded by the Dry Creek Trust Fund (3.6 mil) and through a state grant (1.1 mil). In addition, staff recommends a 4 cent per capita increase in the annual member agency contribution which will raise approximately \$12,000, offsetting the new long-term building

maintenance costs that will be paid. Therefore, the increase of population will fund the ongoing operations. The total increase in operating expenses is estimated at approximately 10% for this year. Labor is the primary cost associated with the increase. Ken asked the Board for approval of the budget for the next fiscal year to include a 4 cent increase in the per capita rate.

Director Roccucci asked where the 4 cent increase came from. Ken responded that it was chosen because it reflects the increase in ongoing costs that we do not want to fund with reserves, and represents about \$12,000 for the new building rent. Director Yorde mentioned the last increase was eight years ago in 1999, and asked about the cost of living increase since then. Ken stated the cost of living has gone up 4-5% per year. He went on to say the increased revenue is based on a blend of the increase in population and in the per capita rate. Ken pointed out that although the population has increased, revenues have remained the same since 1999. Director Santini asked about the balance of the Dry Creek Trust Fund budget going into the year, and the balance at the end of the year. Brian commented that the current balance is 4.5 million, and the construction costs are projected to be approximately 3 million dollars for Miner's Ravine, along with an additional \$600,000 for design of the Secret Ravine Project.

The item was next opened to public comment, however none was received. Chairman Hanley made a motion for approval of the action item.

MOTION: Hanley/Rompala-Unanimous

b. Review and approval of short-term and long-term District Work plans

Brian Keating explained that this item is for the approval of the short-term, 2006 work plan as well as the long-term 2 to 5 year work plan. This was brought to the Board in March and received no comment as far as changes to the plan. It was also brought back to the TAC and no changes have been necessary as the work plan proceeded from draft to final versions. The work plan was generated by listing current programs, defining specific tasks as short-term or long-term.

The short-term emphasis of the work plan is in supporting the District's ongoing programs and pursuing the objectives of the Dry Creek and Cross Canal watershed plans. Long-term priorities center upon improving many of the same District Programs and information outlined in the short-term work plan and to improve operations in general.

The long-term plan will also include the integration of software into the ALERT system along with coordination with FEMA on floodplain mapping improvements, and keeping current with the environmental community through participation in local creek activist group meetings. Staff recommends the Board adopt both final work plans by motion.

The item was next opened to public comment, however none was received. Chairman Hanley made a motion for approval of the action item.

MOTION: Hanley/Santini-Unanimous

c. Project update and approval of project construction related items for the Miners Ravine Off-Channel Detention Basin Facility.

Brian provided a project update including the status of on-going permitting activities, the recent preparation of the final plans and specifications, and finalization of the bid package, which is before the Board today. Brian also revised the project schedule including the planned July 1, 2006 construction start date.

1. Authorization for staff to execute a reimbursement agreement with Elliott Homes for the construction of Sierra College Boulevard frontage improvements.

Brian stated that funding for the proposed reimbursement was in the budget and just approved. Brian recommends that the Board by motion authorize the Executive Director to enter into the reimbursement

agreement. Director Santini stated that there is a running joke in the City of Lincoln that the city always seems to be the low bidder with their engineer's estimates on these kinds of projects. He went on to ask about the level of confidence for this project, and asked about when Elliott's costs will be made available to the District. Brian stated they did not have them at the time the staff report was written, but has asked Elliott Homes to submit them ASAP.

Brian mentioned the agreement does hold the District to the construction costs that were actually bid on. Director Santini asked if bid costs were well within the \$361,000 dollar estimate. Ken commented that the agreement was written so that if the estimate falls within the scope of the agreement, the District can move forward, and if it moves outside that, there is an opportunity for discussion and the Board can decide how to proceed. Brian reported that indications are that Elliott's overall widening project bid costs were well within the engineer's estimate.

The item was next opened to public comment, however none was received. Chairman Hanley made a motion for approval of the action item.

MOTION: Hanley/Yorde-Unanimous

2. Adopt Resolution No. 06-04, approving the project plans and specifications, authorizing staff to advertise for bids and fixing a time to receive bids.

Brian Keating presented Resolution No. 06-04, approving the project plans and specifications for the Miners Ravine Off-channel Detention Basin Facility, authorizing the staff to advertise for bids and fixing a time to receive bids on the project. Project schedule calls for a July 1st start date. In order to meet the deadline and comply with the public contract requirements, staff needs to be authorized by the Board to advertise for bids and fix the time to receive bids, which is now set at June 12, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. The official opening of the bids will occur at 4:00 pm at the June 12, 2006 Board meeting. The current engineer's opinion of the probable construction cost for the project is \$2,859,000. A 30-day bid period has been scheduled and an onsite pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for May 24, 2006.

Director Yorde asked about how many people staff is expecting to see at the pre-bid meeting. Brian responded they are using the services of the county Procurement office which has a variety of channels to advertise through. Also, the contractors that bid on the Elliott homes widening project are very interested in this project. Ken added that there are quality contractors looking and bidding for their projects, for example, the majority of the 8 projects he's working on in the department of Public Works currently are coming in under estimate, and they are receiving 10-12 bidders per project.

The item was next opened to public comment however none was received. Chairman Hanley made a motion for approval of the Resolution.

MOTION: Hanley/Yorde-Unanimous

- d. Project update and authorization to amend and fund a revised project budget for the Secret Ravine Floodplain Restoration project.

Ken asked for the Board to consider an additional \$10,000 in Dry Creek Trust Funds for District's share of staffing a coordinator position to work with Sierra College faculty and students. Ken explained the project is broken down into two sites: Reach 1 is located upstream of Sierra College Boulevard and Reach 2 located further downstream on Sierra College's campus property.

The lower Reach 2 is more habitat restoration-oriented than Reach 1, which is providing the majority of flood control benefits. Dry Creek Conservancy (DCC) has agreed to participate and fund the other \$10,000 portion of the position. Originally, design costs were in the \$300,000-400,000 range, but have increased to the \$600,000-700,000 range because extensive coordination, permitting, and planning tasks. The total 1.8 million dollar project cost is funded with \$300,000 in grants, with the balance funded by the Dry Creek Trust Fund.

Ken asked for the Board's support for amending the agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to allow for the payment of \$10,000 for coordination services with Sierra College. Director Santini asked about the increased costs, where they are coming from, and how they see it impacting the Dry Creek Trust Fund.

Ken explained that Reach 2 has limited flood control benefits, while Reach 1 has multi-objective restoration features which help make the Reach 1 site much more palatable to the regulatory agencies. When there is an agreement, the difference between the original design cost of \$300,000 and the \$689,000 final design cost will be borne by the Dry Creek Trust Fund.

The Board can reconsider continuing to include Reach 2 in the overall project, but it's important to do so now, because once the District starts drawing on the DWR grant dollars, they are essentially committed. Restoration can be done in degrees and in steps, which may provide cost controls. Director Santini asked about the rules that govern the Dry Creek Trust Fund and what the funds can be used for. Ken replied that it is a legitimate use because of its flood control benefit in both Reaches.

Director Hanley asked about how the interaction with the regulatory agencies will play out. Ken said that if Reach 2 were removed, that Staff recommends the State and the DCC use the \$300,000 and be the project sponsor for Reach 2, taking the District out of the equation. The District would then focus on Reach 1, and do their best to see that it remains multi-objective in nature and proceed with the project. Director Hanley suggested the District could spend \$400,000 on Reach 2 alone with very little flood control benefit. He mentioned the District was formed to improve flood control because the creeks and rivers all run through multiple jurisdictions, which is the main purpose of the Board. He said he would move to begin discussions with DWR and do the handoff back to the Dry Creek Conservancy. Staff believes this is a very good project to receive the DWR grant. Director Roccucci asked if there is an engineer's estimate for the entire project. Brian replied that the engineer's estimate from the 2003 dated feasibility study was \$1.1 million as compared to the current estimate of \$1.8 million.

Director Yorde commented that the District is not only in charge of flood control, but also water conservation, including stream habitat and water quality improvements. In his opinion, the District has made a commitment to the State to do both Reaches. Staff is recommending that they move forward with the entire project.

MOTION: Yorde/Santini-5 yes/1 nay/2 absent

NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is June 12, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Rocklin City Council Chambers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

District Secretary